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Mr Bush obliged to quit politics as head of CIA

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Mr George Bush's nomination as director of the Central Intelligence Agency seemed assured of Senate approval today after President Ford ceded to political pressure and gave a written undertaking that he would not consider Mr Bush as his vice-presidential candidate next year.

Had Mr Bush been chosen as the Republican candidate, the badly shaken CIA would have had to seek another new director within six months.

His nomination has been approved by 12-4 in the Senare armed services committee. Mr Bush still needs confirmation by the full Senare before he can succeed Mr. William Colby.

Mr Bush was a Congressman, an amiable but forgettable representative at the United Nations, and head of the American mission in Peking.